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**REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH**  
**for the year 1938.**

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*To the Chairman and Members of the Bridgwater Rural District Council.*

Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my Report for the year 1938.

The health of the district has been fairly good with the exception of a very unfortunate epidemic of typhoid fever at East and West Huntspill at the beginning of the year. This I have specially reported upon on page 20 in this Report.

There were 237 births (2 less than for the year 1937) giving a birth rate of 14.46 per thousand. The deaths numbered 236 (14 more than for the year 1937) giving a death rate of 14.30 per thousand. This is high but the average age at death was also high, being 58.3 years for males and 61.6 years for females.

Mr. V. A. W. Couzens, the Additional Sanitary Inspector, relinquished his appointment in September last, and Mr. H. L. Ames was appointed his successor in October last.

Mr. D. M. Ling, the Junior Assistant Sanitary Inspector, was one of the 17 successful out of 52 candidates who sat during the year for the Royal Sanitary Institute and Sanitary Inspectors' Examination Joint Board's Sanitary Inspector's Certificate, and since obtaining this qualification he has been available to specially assist the Chief Sanitary Inspector in his statutory duties.

Your obedient servant,

WILBERFORCE THOMPSON,

*Medical Officer of Health.*

"Ivy House,"  
Bridgwater.

June, 1939.

## STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

Area (in acres) .. .. .	86,608*
Population (estimated) .. .. .	16,390†
Number of inhabited houses according to the Rate Books at December 31st, 1938 .. .. .	5,224
Number of families or separate occupiers (Census 1931)	4,620
Rateable Value at December 31st, 1938 .. .. .	£64,166
Ascertained Product of a Penny Rate at end of March, 1938 .. .. .	£238 7s. 8d.

\* This is the corrected acreage figure for the District as 160 acres within the parish of Bridgwater Without were taken over by the Borough of Bridgwater when their boundaries were extended, during the period covered by this Report, under the Ministry of Health Provisional Order Confirmation (Bridgwater Extension) Act, 1938.

† This figure is included in the new Population total in respect of the extension of the Boundaries of the Borough of Bridgwater as mentioned above.

Bridgwater Rural District Council comprises 36 Parishes, with acreage and population as undermentioned. With the exception of the Parish of Bridgwater Without the figures are those given in the Census for 1931. The respective figures for the Parish mentioned, by reason of the extension of the boundaries of the Borough of Bridgwater, are now 2,488 and 333.

<i>Parish</i>	<i>Acreage</i>	<i>Population</i>
Ashcott .. .. .	2382	676
Bawdrip .. .. .	1898	332
Bridgwater Without .. .. .	2488	333
Broomfield .. .. .	4080	247
Cannington .. .. .	4076	944
Catcott .. .. .	2089	451
Charlinch .. .. .	615	107
Chedzoy .. .. .	1519	277
Chilton Polden .. .. .	1645	346
Chilton Trinity .. .. .	733	130
Cossington .. .. .	1309	229
Durleigh .. .. .	917	89
Edington .. .. .	2017	317
Enmore .. .. .	1426	525
Fiddington .. .. .	1314	148
Goathurst .. .. .	1673	202
Greinton .. .. .	881	90
Huntspill .. .. .	5938	1442
Lyng .. .. .	1465	290
Middlezoy .. .. .	2546	510
Moorlinch .. .. .	1920	214
Nether Stowey .. .. .	1103	564
North Petherton .. .. .	10583	3075
Othery .. .. .	1944	423
Otterhampton .. .. .	2243	424
Over Stowey .. .. .	3696	419
Pawlett .. .. .	3108	426
Puriton .. .. .	1596	709
Shapwick .. .. .	3159	271
Spaxton .. .. .	5261	841
Stawell .. .. .	2228	240
Stockland Bristol .. .. .	827	98
Thurloxton .. .. .	563	144



<i>Parish</i>	<i>Acveage</i>	<i>Population</i>
Wembdon .. .. .	2297	636
Westonzoyland .. ..	3321	857
Woolavington .. .. .	1708	286

The chief occupations of the inhabitants are Agriculture, Dairy Work, Brick and Tile Manufacture, Withy Culture and Basket Making, whilst a number are employed in Cement Works, the Building Trade, and in Garages and Petrol Stations. None of these callings has been found to be prejudicial to the health of the workers.

CAUSES OF DEATH						1938	
						MALES	FEMALES
Civilians only—							
ALL CAUSES .. .. .						125	111
1.	Typhoid Fever, etc.	..	..	..	..	3	4
2.	Measles	..	..	..	..	—	—
3.	Scarlet Fever	..	..	..	..	—	—
4.	Whooping Cough	..	..	..	..	—	—
5.	Diphtheria	..	..	..	..	—	1
6.	Influenza	..	..	..	..	4	4
7.	Encephalitis Lethargica	..	..	..	..	—	—
8.	Cerebro-spinal Fever	..	..	..	..	—	—
9.	Respiratory Tuberculosis	..	..	..	..	8	8
10.	Other Tuberculosis diseases	..	..	..	..	—	—
11.	Syphilis	..	..	..	..	—	—
12.	General Paralysis of insane, etc.	..	..	..	..	—	—
13.	Cancer	..	..	..	..	13	18
14.	Diabetes	..	..	..	..	1	5
15.	Cerebral Haemorrhage	..	..	..	..	4	9
16.	Heart Disease	..	..	..	..	24	20
17.	Aneurysm	..	..	..	..	—	—
18.	Other circulatory diseases	..	..	..	..	8	6
19.	Bronchitis	..	..	..	..	5	3
20.	Pneumonia (all forms)	..	..	..	..	9	2
21.	Other Respiratory Diseases	..	..	..	..	2	1
22.	Peptic Ulcer	..	..	..	..	2	—
23.	Diarrhoea, etc. (2 years and over)	..	..	..	..	—	—
24.	Appendicitis	..	..	..	..	1	1
25.	Cirrhosis of Liver	..	..	..	..	—	—
26.	Other liver diseases	..	..	..	..	1	1
27.	Other Digestive diseases	..	..	..	..	5	1
28.	Nephritis	..	..	..	..	3	1
29.	Puerperal Sepsis	..	..	..	..	—	—
30.	Other Puerperal diseases	..	..	..	..	—	—
31.	Congenital causes, etc.	..	..	..	..	3	3
32.	Senility	..	..	..	..	3	7
33.	Suicide	..	..	..	..	3	—
34.	Other violence	..	..	..	..	9	3
35.	Other defined causes	..	..	..	..	13	10
36.	Ill-defined causes	..	..	..	..	1	—
37.	Diarrhoea (under 2 years)	..	..	..	..	—	—
Special Causes (included in No. 35)—						—	—
Small Pox						—	—
Poliomyelitis						—	—
Polioencephalitis						—	—
Death of Infants		Total	..	..	..	5	3
under 1 year		Legitimate	..	..	..	4	3
		Illegitimate	..	..	..	1	—
Live Births		Total	..	..	..	123	114
		Legitimate	..	..	..	119	119
		Illegitimate	..	..	..	4	3
Stillbirths		Total	..	..	..	6	9
		Legitimate	..	..	..	6	9
		Illegitimate	..	..	..	—	—
POPULATION FOR 1938 .. .. .						16,390	

Number of Women dying in or in consequence of Child Birth .. .. .	} From Sepsis .. —
	} From other causes —

Deaths of Infants under 1 year of age per 1,000 live births :—

Legitimate 40.23. Illegitimate 5.74 .. .. Total 45.97

Deaths from Measles (all ages) .. .. .	—
„ „ Whooping Cough (all ages) .. .. .	—
„ „ Diarrhoea (under two years) .. .. .	—

#### INFANTILE MORTALITY DURING THE YEAR 1938.

Deaths from stated causes and at various ages under one year of age.

CAUSE OF DEATH	Under 1 week	1 to 2 weeks	2 to 3 weeks	3 to 4 weeks	Total under 1 month	1 to 3 months	3 to 6 months	6 to 9 months	9 to 12 months	Total Deaths under 1 year
Premature Birth .. ..	3	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	3
Congenital Defects .. ..	2	1	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	3
Diarrhoea .. ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Whooping Cough .. ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other Causes .. ..	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	2
Total ..	5	1	—	—	6	1	—	1	—	8

### GENERAL PROVISIONS FOR HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA.

#### 1. *Public Health Officers of the Authority.*

(a) Medical. One Medical Officer of Health, holding Diploma D.P.H., London, part-time.

(b) One whole-time Chief Sanitary Inspector, Certified Royal Sanitary Institute, Sanitary Inspectors' Examination Board (London Certificates) and Fellow of the International Faculty of Sciences, who is Designated Officer appointed under the various Housing Acts, and also Inspector of Meat and Other Foods. Under the Council's new Scheme inaugurated in September last for re-organisation of the work in the Public Health and Surveyor's Departments, the duties of Petroleum Acts Inspector, Rats and Mice (Destruction) Acts Officer, and all work in connection with Plans and New Buildings, Housing (Rural Workers) Acts, Sanitary Surveyor, and Refuse Collection were placed in the hands of the Surveyor then appointed by the Council.

(c) One whole-time and fully qualified Additional Sanitary Inspector, Certified Sanitary Inspector's Examination Board, and Royal Sanitary Institute.

(d) One Junior Assistant Inspector, who holds the Certificate of the Royal Sanitary Institute and Sanitary Inspector's Examination Joint Board, and is also an Associate of the Royal Sanitary Institute.

(e) One Clerk in the Public Health Department.

2. *Nursing in the Home.* Nature of the arrangements in the area :—

(a) General. The District Nursing Association at work in the District is under the control of the County Council. The Bridgwater Rural District is divided into eleven areas, with a Nurse who is also a qualified Midwife in each area. People living in Bridgwater Without, Wembdon, Chilton Trinity and Chedzoy are attended by Nurses from the Mary Stanley Home, Bridgwater.

(b) Infectious Diseases. In case nursing is required for Infectious Diseases, this is provided by the Sanitary Authority at the request of the Medical Officer of Health.

3. *Midwives.* In addition to the District Nurses above-mentioned, two Midwives are practising in the area. No arrangements have been made for the employment of or subsidy to Midwives by the Local Authority.

4. *National Health Insurance.* The Local Authority has no part in the administration of this service.

5. *Poor Law Medical Out Relief.* The Local Authority has no part in the administration of this service.

6. *Laboratory Facilities.* The Public Health Laboratory under the County Council undertakes the examination of clinical material, water, milk and foodstuffs.

7. *Hospitals.* There are no Hospitals under the control of the Sanitary Authority. The following are used by the Residents of the District :—

Bridgwater General Hospital. Seventy-one beds for medical and surgical patients. There are special departments for X-Ray, Dental, Ophthalmic and Massage.

**Maternity.** The Mary Stanley Nursing Home at Bridgwater, under the control of the County Council, has beds for 12 cases. There are also cots for 7 infants.

**Tuberculosis.** The Quantock Sanatorium, under the control of the County Council, has accommodation for 63 patients.

**Venereal Diseases.** There is no Hospital provision for venereal diseases. A Venereal Disease Dispensary, under the control of the County Council, is available for people living in the Bridgwater Rural District.

Puerperal Fever and Pyrexia cases are admitted to the Bridgwater General Hospital.

The Somerset Small-pox Hospital is at Cossington. It has four wards, and accommodates 20 patients, with a separate building for nurses.

With regard to Hospital accommodation for the treatment of cases of infectious diseases, the Council is a constituent Authority of the Taunton and District Joint Hospital Board and the Axbridge Joint Hospital Committee. The parishes within the Rural District are divided between these respective isolation hospital areas as follows :—

**Axbridge.** Ashcott, Bawdrip, Catcott, Chilton Polden, Cossington, Edington, Greinton, Huntspill, Moorlinch, Pawlett, Puriton, Shapwick, Stawell and Woolavington.

**Taunton.** Bridgwater Without, Broomfield, Cannington, Charlinch, Chedzoy, Chilton Trinity, Durleigh, Enmore, Fiddington, Goathurst, Lyng, Middlezoy, Nether Stowey, North Petherton, Othery, Otterhampton, Over Stowey, Spaxton, Stockland Bristol, Thurloxton, Wembdon and Westonzoyland.

8. *Maternity and Nursing Homes.* None in the District.

9. *Maternal Mortality.* Cases of maternal deaths and cases of Puerperal Fever are investigated by the Medical Officers of the County Council.

10. There is no Institutional provision for unmarried mothers, illegitimate infants and homeless children.

11. There is no Institutional provision for the care of Mental Defectives.

## 12. *Ambulance Facilities.*

(a) For infectious cases the Ambulances of the Taunton and Axbridge Isolation Hospitals are used when required.

(b) For Non-Infectious cases and accidents use is made of the Bridgwater Ambulance in connection with the St. John's Ambulance Association, which is available for the District on payment of a small fee. The Ambulance Stretcher in use is a "Mark 2" regulation Army pattern.

13. There are no Clinics or Treatment Centres under the control of the Local Authority.

## **SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.**

*Water Supply.* During the year further steps were taken to ensure the provision of an adequate drinking water supply to serve the whole District. This work included the following :—

A 3-in. main for supplying the remaining portion of the parish of Otterhampton not previously supplied, and practically the whole of the parish of Stockland Bristol.

A Standpipe at the junction of the Steart and Stockland Bristol roads to enable the residents of Steart to obtain water at this point.

A scheme for the supplying of the parish of Fiddington was approved and it is anticipated that the supply will be provided there in the near future.

The need of augmenting the present supply serving the Middlezoy and Polden Hills areas became an urgent matter and the work of duplicating the main from Dancing Hill, North Petherton, to Crandon Bridge, Bawdrip, was commenced during the year. The first section of duplication has now been laid as far as Huntworth Gate.

Arrangements were completed during 1938 with the Bridgwater Corporation for the guaranteeing by the Bridgwater Rural District Council for the supplying of water to the parish of Chilton Trinity. This supply has now been laid and has been taken great advantage of.

The Bridgwater Rural District Council have confirmed the investigations made respecting the supplying water to the parish of Over Stowey. A scheme has been formulated to use the



source of supply at Ramscombe (at present serving the Quantock Sanatorium) and this supply would serve the whole parish. The proposed source of supply is within the statutory area of the Bridgwater Corporation. The scheme is being submitted to both the Somerset County Council and the Bridgwater Corporation and the Bridgwater Rural District Council hope to shortly produce a final scheme.

As a general special precaution against the risk of epidemics and any possible sources of contamination, the Council decided to provide an up-to-date chlorination plant at their head works at Willoughby, and this plant was at once installed. In addition to this precaution the Council's three reservoirs were thoroughly cleaned out during 1938, and on the special instructions of the Council regular and frequent samples of all public and private supplies were analysed at the County Laboratory. All these analyses proved satisfactory.

Special precautions were taken in connection with public supplies during and following the period of the typhoid epidemic, and, in addition, samples of each and also private supplies were repeatedly submitted to the Public Analyst.

A number of samples from spring and well supplies were also taken by the Sanitary Inspector and the results of these, as well as all other samples, are set out in tabulated form on page 25 of the attached Report of the Chief Sanitary Inspector.

*Sewage Disposal.* The following is a short summary of the Council's activities under this head during the year 1938 :—

CATCOTT. The approved scheme for sewerage this village was carried out and all properties are now being connected up to the new sewer.

NORTH PETHERTON. The sewage works were modernised and considerably enlarged and provision made for a further extension of the plant for possible future necessity.

HUNTSPILL. Schemes for sewerage both East and West Huntspills were drawn up and submitted to the Ministry and their sanction is now awaited.

NETHER STOWEY. A scheme for sewerage this parish was drawn up and submitted to the Ministry and their sanction is now awaited.

WOOLAVINGTON. Instructions were given by the Council for a detailed report of the conditions of sewage and sewage disposal in this parish.

*Rivers and Streams.* No action was necessary under this heading during 1938.

## RAINFALL AT ASHFORD PUMPING STATION, 1938.

No. of days rain fell	..	145
The Wettest Month	..	November
The Driest Month	..	April
Greatest Fall in 24 hours		1.70 in. on September 18th

Month	Total Depth		Greatest Fall in 24 hours		No. of days with 0.01 in. or more
	Inches		Inches	Day	
January .. ..	3.27		0.75	8	19
February .. ..	0.91		0.25	25	7
March .. ..	0.14		0.11	24	2
April .. ..	0.12		0.10	22	2
May .. ..	1.96		0.58	29	15
June .. ..	1.09		0.55	1	10
July .. ..	2.29		0.51	6	10
August .. ..	2.72		0.61	4	15
September .. ..	2.71		1.70	18	13
October .. ..	2.78		0.38	3	16
November .. ..	3.68		0.52	25	17
December .. ..	3.56		0.60	9	19
Totals ..	25.23				145

*Closet Accommodation.* The need of improvement in existing conditions formed an item of repair on many of the notices issued under the provisions of the Housing Acts, and these were largely executed. In a number of instances insanitary conveniences were replaced by the modern type, especially where public supply was readily available, and such improvements are set out in the list of Housing Defects given on page 16.

*Public Cleansing and Scavenging.* During the year under review the Council adopted a Comprehensive Refuse Scheme by motor vehicle to serve the whole of the 36 parishes comprising their District. Twenty-one parishes are now served by this Scheme

and the Council are now considering extending the service to include the whole of the area.

The Council have recognised in their comprehensive scheme the scavenging of streets in addition to house refuse collection.

*Sanitary Inspection of the Area.* See Chief Sanitary Inspector's Report.

*Smoke Abatement.* No action was found necessary under this heading.

*Premises and Occupations which can be controlled by Bye-laws or Regulations.* A Knacker's Yard is the only offensive trade in your area, and particulars of inspections made will be found in the Chief Sanitary Inspector's Report.

*Schools.* The sanitary conditions and water supply of public Elementary Schools are satisfactory. The Head Teachers supply the Medical Officer of Health with a list of all absentees due to infectious disease, and when necessary all the scholars are examined.

*Rag Flock Acts, 1911 and 1928.* There are no premises in the District in which rag flock is manufactured or used.

*Shops.* No action was taken under this heading during 1938.

*Swimming Baths and Pools.* There are no public or privately-owned swimming pools within the area.

*Camping Sites.* Under this heading the following particulars are recorded :—

Number of Sites	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9
Number of Licences issued	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9
Estimated Number of Campers	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	420

The question of sites temporarily occupied by gypsies and suchlike persons were again discussed during the year. These camps are occasional ones and pitches were used mostly during the pea and apple picking seasons. Every effort was made to exercise proper control of them, but with the users rapidly moving to different sites the work of adequate supervision proved difficult. The employers of such people should be compelled to provide all facilities for their use on the site and to be made responsible to the Local Authority for such services.



## HOUSING.

*Eradication of Bed Bugs.* No action under this heading was found necessary during 1938.

Under "Housing Statistics" particulars are given of the work done during 1938. Every effort was made to maintain the high standard previously aimed at respecting the improvement of conditions of all working-class dwellings. In two instances legal proceedings had to be taken for the vacating of unfit premises, but in all other cases property owners or their representatives satisfactorily carried out the requirements of the Council.

### HOUSING STATISTICS.

*Number of New Houses erected during the Year.*

(1) By Local Authority :

(a) With State Assistance for re-housing under Housing Act, 1936, and for overcrowded cases .. ..	100
(b) With State Assistance for other purposes .. ..	None
(c) Without State Assistance .. ..	20

(2) By other persons :

(a) With State Assistance .. ..	None
(b) Without State Assistance .. ..	53

*Housing Inspections :—*

1 (a) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) .. ..	240
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose .. ..	272
2 (a) Number of dwelling-houses (included under Sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and reported under the Housing Consolidated Regulations 1925 and 1932 .. ..	0
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose .. ..	0
3 Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation .. ..	80
4 Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects fit for human habitation .. ..	160

*Housing Action.*

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of <i>informal</i> action by the Local Authority or their Officers .. ..	25
Number of houses demolished voluntarily or in consequence of informal action .. ..	1

*Action under Statutory Powers during the Year :—*

<b>A. Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act 1936 :</b>	
(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs .. .. .	90
(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices :	
(a) By owners .. .. .	27
(b) By Local Authority in default of owners ..	0
<b>B. Proceedings under Public Health Acts :</b>	
(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied .. ..	45
(2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices :	
(a) By owners .. .. .	39
(b) By Local Authority in default of owners ..	0
<b>C. Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act 1936 :</b>	
(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made .. .. .	29
(2) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders .. .. .	5
(3) Number of houses rendered fit by Owners and Undertakings given cancelled .. .. .	4
(4) Number of Undertakings given not to occupy .. ..	5
(5) Number of Undertakings given to render fit .. ..	26

**HOUSING DEFECTS RECORDED DURING 1938 AND  
ENUMERATED IN NOTICES SERVED UPON OWNERS FOR  
THEIR ABATEMENT.**

Defective Roofs .. .. .	153
„ Guttering and down pipes .. .. .	127
„ Yard pavings .. .. .	72
„ Drainage and other Sanitary fittings .. .. .	125
„ Floors and staircases and absent handrails .. ..	426
„ Wall and ceiling plaster .. .. .	316
„ Doors .. .. .	93
„ Windows .. .. .	227
„ Chimney Stacks .. .. .	166
„ Stoves and Coppers .. .. .	141
„ Exterior Walls .. .. .	153
Insufficiently lighted and ventilated rooms .. .. .	347
W.C. apartments not lighted or ventilated .. .. .	131
Insanitary privy conveniences .. .. .	114
Damp walls .. .. .	190
No Food stores provided .. .. .	130
No Sinks provided .. .. .	140
Insufficient Water supply .. .. .	74
Defective Wash-houses .. .. .	56
Defective Outbuildings .. .. .	18
Low Ceilings .. .. .	154
Bedrooms intercommunicating .. .. .	68
Landing Bedrooms .. .. .	26
No Sculleries .. .. .	41
Food Stores not lighted or ventilated .. .. .	98
Unsuitable Window provision .. .. .	80

## HOUSING (RURAL WORKERS) ACTS.

It has been the Council's policy to endeavour to get Owners to recondition dwellings which were the subject of Representation Notices served by the Chief Sanitary Inspector, and particulars of the results of such efforts are as follows :—

(1)	Number of Applications received	..	..	..	63
(2)	„ „ „	withdrawn or refused	..	..	10
(3)	„ „ „	where assistance promised	..	..	31
(4)	„ „ „	where assistance given	..	..	16
(5)	„ „ „	where decision not determined	..	..	22

Applications received concerned dwellings in the following Parishes :—

<i>Parish</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Parish</i>	<i>Number</i>
Ashcott .. ..	1	Middlezoy .. ..	1
Bridgwater Without ..	4	North Petherton ..	14
Cannington .. ..	4	Othery .. ..	1
Catcott .. ..	1	Pawlett .. ..	1
Chilton Polden .. ..	6	Puriton .. ..	2
Edington .. ..	11	Shapwick .. ..	5
Enmore .. ..	2	Spaxton .. ..	2
East Huntspill .. ..	3	Stawell .. ..	2
West Huntspill .. ..	2	Woolavington .. ..	1

Under the new Housing (Financial Provisions) Act of 1938, 3 applications were received and are being dealt with.

## OVERCROWDING STATISTICS.

*Overcrowding.* Appended is a tabulated statement of the Council's action under Part I of the 1935 Housing Act. Whilst it must be admitted that the standard laid down in this Act is a low one, it is interesting to note the figures set out, and to record the few cases of overcrowding the measuring up of sleeping rooms in your area reveals. To deal with cases notified the Council has formulated a special house-building plan to accommodate the needs of their area.

(a)	(i)	Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year	26
	(ii)	Number of families dwelling therein .. ..	26
	(iii)	Number of units dwelling therein .. ..	176½
(b)		Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year	3
(c)	(i)	Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year	34
	(ii)	Number of persons concerned in such cases .. ..	218
(d)		Particulars of any cases in which dwelling-houses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding .. ..	None
(e)		Briefly I would report that every effort was made by my Council to reduce or check the spread of overcrowding by the provision of Council House accommodation, either within the Parish where the overcrowding case was discovered or the offering of alternative accommodation in Parishes as adjacent to their present address as possible.	

## INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

(1) *Milk Supply.* Up to date the following is a list of all milk traders within the Council's area :—

Number of Producers of Ordinary Milk	..	742
„ „ Retailers of Ordinary Milk	..	17
„ „ Producer-Retailers of Ordinary Milk		179
„ „ Accredited Producers	..	19
„ „ Graded Producers	..	15

The number of Supplementary Licences granted to Graded Milk Retailers during 1938 were as follows :—

(i) Pasteurised	..	1
(ii) Tuberculin Tested	..	1
(iii) Accredited	..	1

38 Certificates of Registration were issued to applicants under the provisions of the Milk and Dairies Order, 1926, during 1938, as follows :—

(i) Number of Producers	..	34
(ii) Number of Retailers	..	4

and 5 premises were registered as dairies during the same period. No licence was refused or revoked during 1938.

New cowsheds were erected, or improvements to existing premises carried out during the year under review, in the Parishes of Cannington (2), Chedzoy (3), Chilton Trinity (1), Cossington (1), Edington (1), East Huntspill (2), West Huntspill (4), Middlezoy (1), North Petherton (1), Weston-zoyland (1), Woolavington (1).

Records of inspections at milk-producing premises during the year, together with the results, are set out on page 24 in the Report of the Chief Sanitary Inspector.

A list of samples of Ordinary, Graded and Accredited milks is also given in the Report of the Chief Sanitary Inspector on page 25.

All milk samples are analysed by the County Analyst at the County Hall, Taunton.

(2) *Meat and other Foods.* See Chief Sanitary Inspector's Report.

(3) *Adulteration.* The Council are not a Local Authority for enforcing the Food and Drugs (Adulteration) Act, 1928.

(4) *Chemical and Bacteriological Examinations of Food* are submitted to the County Council Laboratory at Taunton.

*Nutrition.* No action was taken under this heading during 1937.

*Shellfish (Molluscan).* There are no layings and no places in the district from which shellfish are marketed.

# PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OF, INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES.

## GENERAL.

Notifications of Infectious Disease were received by me during the year as follows :—

Scarlet Fever	..	..	11	Dysentery	..	..	1
Pneumonia	..	..	6	Erysipelas	..	..	3
Typhoid Fever	..	..	28	Ophthalmia Neonatorum	..	..	2
Paratyphoid	..	..	1	Puerperal Pyrexia	..	..	1
Infantile Paralysis	..	..	1				

31 cases of Tuberculosis were also notified, 25 being Pulmonary and 6 non-Pulmonary.

Pathological and bacteriological specimens are examined at the County Council Laboratory at Taunton. No use has been made of the Schick Test in Diphtheria.

No vaccinations or re-vaccinations have been performed by the Medical Officer of Health.

There are no facilities in the District for cleansing and disinfection of verminous persons. The disinfection of premises and articles which have been exposed to infection is carried out by spraying and fumigation.

### *Notified Diseases other than Tuberculosis during the year 1938.*

DISEASE	Total Cases Notified	Cases Admitted to Hospital	Died
Scarlet Fever .. .. .	11	6	—
Pneumonia .. .. .	6	—	5
Typhoid Fever .. .. .	28	26	7
Paratyphoid .. .. .	1	—	—
Dysentery .. .. .	1	—	—
Erysipelas .. .. .	3	—	—
Ophthalmia Neonatorum .. .. .	2	—	—
Infantile Paralysis .. .. .	1	1	—
Puerperal Pyrexia .. .. .	1	—	—



*Analysis of the Total Cases of Notifiable Diseases and Deaths under the following Age Groups.*

CAUSE OF DEATH					Under 1 year	1 to 2 years	2 to 3 years	3 to 4 years	4 to 5 years	5 to 10 years	10 to 15 years	15 to 20 years	20 to 35 years	35 to 45 years	45 to 65 years	65 and over
Scarlet Fever	..	..	..	..	-	-	-	-	-	3	6	2	-	-	-	-
	Deaths	..	..	..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pneumonia	..	..	..	..	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	1	1	1	1
	Deaths	..	..	..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	1
Erysipelas	..	..	..	..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1
	Deaths	..	..	..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Typhoid Fever	..	..	..	..	-	-	-	2	-	2	-	5	8	4	7	-
	Deaths	..	..	..	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	3	1	-	2	-
Paratyphoid	..	..	..	..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
	Deaths	..	..	..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dysentery	..	..	..	..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
	Deaths	..	..	..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ophthalmia Neonatorium	..	..	..	..	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Deaths	..	..	..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Infantile Paralysis	..	..	..	..	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Deaths	..	..	..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

### TYPHOID REPORT.

I much regret to have to record that an epidemic of Typhoid Fever occurred within the Parishes of East and West Huntspill and Pawlett during the months of January, February and March. The epidemic spread very rapidly and affected persons of the working classes of varying ages and occupations. The first case (that of a young West Huntspill girl aged 15 years) was reported on January 11th and she was removed on the 21st January to the Axbridge Isolation Hospital. Immediately steps were taken as to disinfecting all rooms, bedding and clothing at her home, the sampling of water and milk supplies used there (which were found to be absolutely free from contamination) the testing of drains serving the premises and the exclusion from work and schools attended by other members of her family. The course of the epidemic then ran as follows:—On January 29th 3 further cases were reported; January 30th, 4 cases; January 31st, 1 case; February 1st, 3 cases; February 2nd, 4 cases; February 3rd, 1 case; February 4th, 3 cases; February 7th, 1 case; February 8th, 1 case; February 9th, 1 case; February 10th, 2 cases; February 14th, 1 case; February 21st, 1 case; March 17th, 1 case; giving a total of 28 cases in all. Of this number 26 were removed to Axbridge Isolation Hospital, the other two cases having died at their homes before their removal could be arranged.

As a further safeguard, and as precautionary measures, all medical practitioners within the whole area of the Bridgwater Rural District were at once circularised to immediately report any suspected case; and in addition the public water supply was chlorinated. Dr. Davidson, the County Medical Officer of Health, then broadcast an appeal for all water and milk supplies to be boiled before use. Dr. Norman Smith from the Ministry of Health also at once visited the area, and later, with Dr. Stirling, the Deputy County Medical Officer of Health, took blood tests from suspected persons and

“contacts”; and in addition to these precautions, samples of faeces and urine were tested at the County Laboratory. A large quantity of infected bedding and wearing apparel was destroyed. Ditches and water-courses were cleaned out and heavily chlorinated. All public Elementary Schools in these Parishes were closed.

Dr. Davidson took over full control during the whole period of the epidemic and I have to pay a high tribute of thanks to him for his valuable help and advice. I would also express my warm appreciation of the services rendered by Dr. Norman Smith of the Ministry of Health and Dr. Stirling, the Deputy County Medical Officer of Health, and many others during that time. All these co-ordinating efforts, coupled with the splendid response to instructions issued shown by the residents in the areas affected, helped very considerably in checking the spread of infection. One must deplore those cases which proved fatal and to the bereaved I would extend the deepest sympathies of both the Council and myself.

### OPHTHALMIA NEONATORUM.

Cases Notified	Treated		Vision Unim- paired	Vision Impaired	Total Blindness	Deaths
	At Home	In Hosp'l				
2	2	0	2	0	0	0

### TUBERCULOSIS.

#### New Cases and Mortality during 1938.

Age Periods	NEW CASES				DEATHS			
	Respiratory		Non-Resp'y		Respiratory		Non-Resp'y	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0—1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1—5	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
5—15	1	2	1	—	—	—	—	—
15—25	3	4	—	—	1	3	—	—
25—35	2	2	1	—	1	1	—	—
35—45	1	3	1	2	3	2	—	—
45—55	4	—	—	—	1	2	1	—
55—65	3	—	—	—	2	—	—	—
Over 65	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals	14	11	3	3	8	8	1	—

All the deaths from Tuberculosis were in cases that had been previously notified. The notification of Tuberculosis has always been prompt and it has not been necessary to take any action to enforce it.

*Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1925.*

It was not found necessary for any action to be taken during the year.

*Public Health Act, 1925, Section 62.*

It was not found necessary for the Council to take any action under this heading during 1938.

*Public Health Act, 1936, Section 176.*

It was not found necessary to take any action under this heading during 1938 for the prevention of blindness.

# YEAR 1938

## REPORT OF THE CHIEF SANITARY INSPECTOR.

The following is a brief report of the work carried out under the direction and control of the Medical Officer of Health for the period from 1st January to 31st December (inclusive). In September last the work of the Department was re-organised by the Council and by reason of this, and to the fact that a more adequate staff has been provided, more attention can now be given to the duties allotted. Particulars and progress of all work performed were regularly reported upon to the appropriate Committees of the Council, and to the Medical Officer of Health.

### NUISANCES AND COMPLAINTS.

The following matters received attention during the past year, necessitating 385 visits. Of the number stated 59 were abated.

Defective Cesspools	*Offensive Accumulations	Fouled Watercourses	Dirty Premises	Bad or suspected Water Supply	Overcrowding	Animals kept in unfit places	Sewage and Drainage Defects or Nuisances	Defective Sanitary Conveniences or Fittings	Tents & Van Dwellings	†Housing Complaints	Miscellaneous	
2	5	14	4	3	4	8	29	3	4	32	8	Total 116

\* Other than recorded under Cowshed inspections.

† In addition to those mentioned under "Housing Defects."

### INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD SUPPLIES.

(1) *Meat.* During the year one slaughterhouse was discontinued and the premises closed. This leaves 14 registered and 6 licensed premises now on the Council's registers. Written notification of days and times of all slaughtering were received and efforts made to regularly visit either at these times and at other periods. These inspections include ante- and post-mortem inspections. Occupiers of all recognised slaughtering premises were regularly provided with explanatory posters and leaflets on both the Public Health (Meat) Regulations and the Slaughter of Animals Act for exhibiting on their premises. All animals intended for human consumption are stunned with an approved type of humane killer prior to slaughter. No contraventions of either your Slaughter-house Byelaws, or of the various provisions of the laws relating to the conduct of meat trading, were discovered during 1938. The butchers remained loyal and the quality of all meat slaughtered for human consumption was of a high standard.

There is no meat marking scheme under Part II of the Public Health (Meat) Regulations, 1924, in force in this area.

Under the provisions of the Slaughter of Animals Act, 1933, 42 fit and proper persons were licensed to slaughter animals during 1938.



## RECORD OF INSPECTIONS TOGETHER WITH PARTICULARS OF MEAT CONDEMNED FOR THE YEAR 1938.

(1) After special notification .. .. .	15
(2) Occasional (or casualty) slaughtering .. .. .	3
(3) Monthly routine visits .. .. .	799
Total Visits ..	817

## LIST OF CARCASES AND ORGANS INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED DURING THE YEAR 1938.

	Beasts	Calves	Pigs	Sheep	Lambs
1. Number of whole carcases inspected .. ..	492	442	826	877	446
2. Number of whole carcases condemned .. ..	3	—	6	9	1
3. Percentage of whole carcases condemned for :					
(a) Tuberculosis ..	0.610%	—	0.726%	—	—
(b) Other diseases ..	—	—	—	1.03%	0.224%
4. Number of organs inspected .. ..	2338	2105	4317	4729	2197
5. Number of organs condemned .. ..	93	—	111	112	27
6. Percentage of organs condemned for :					
(a) Tuberculosis ..	3.51%	—	2.20%	—	—
(b) Other diseases ..	0.47%	—	0.371%	2.37%	1.23%

The total number of all animals slaughtered during the year for human consumption is not known.

## CLASSIFICATION OF DISEASES AND OTHER INFECTIONS FOUND PRESENT IN THE ORGANS EXAMINED.

	Tuberculosis	Distomatosis	Cirrhosis	Tainted	Abscesses	Nephritis	Fatty Degeneration	Bruising	Pleurisy	Congestion	Strongylus Rufescens	Totals
Beasts .. .. .	82	4	1	—	3	—	1	2	—	—	—	93
Pigs .. .. .	95	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	12	2	—	111
Sheep .. .. .	—	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7	99	112
Lambs .. .. .	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	26	27

## TOTAL QUANTITY OF MEAT CONDEMNED.

The total quantity of meat condemned during last year was as follows :—

	tons	cwts.	qrs.	lbs.
Carcases .. ..	1	4	1	14
Organs .. ..	1	6	3	23½
Total ..	2 tons	11 cwts.	1 qr.	9½ lbs.

*Knacker's Yard.* 18 inspections were made during the year. On all occasions it was found that these premises were kept in a reasonably satisfactory condition.

### (2) *Milk.*

Number of Milk Traders' premises inspected during the year	177
„ „ „ „ „ „ „ re-inspected	328
Total ..	505

### Particulars and number of Notices served :—

For defective floors .. ..	8
„ defective drainage .. ..	6
„ Limewashing .. ..	11
„ Improvements in light and ventilation .. ..	7
„ Removal of manure accumulation .. ..	10
„ Fouled approach yards .. ..	10
„ defective approach yards .. ..	5
„ Dirty floors .. ..	9
Total ..	66

The periodical limewashing of milking sheds and dairy premises was carried out in accordance with the Council's Regulations and Byelaws. As a result of the spread of Foot and Mouth Disease during a part of the year, sampling was temporarily suspended at the request of the County Medical Officer of Health. A list of the Graded and Accredited Milk Producers is given in the Report of the Medical Officer of Health.

Samples taken during the year are as follows :—

### (1) For tubercle bacilli :—

<i>Parish</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Number of Samples Taken</i>
Cilton Trinity .. ..	9/6/38	3
Enmore .. ..	24/11/38	3
Huntspill .. ..	6/1/38	2
Huntspill .. ..	21/7/38	3
Pawlett .. ..	6/1/38	1
Puriton .. ..	25/10/38	3
Westonzoyland .. ..	7/4/38	3
Total ..		18

(Note. Tubercle bacilli was found in one sample, and appropriate action taken by the County Authority).

## (2) For Graded and Accredited Milks.

<i>Parish</i>	<i>Satisfactory (both counts)</i>	<i>Unsatisfactory (one count)</i>	<i>Unsatisfactory (both counts)</i>
Ashcott .. ..	2	—	1
Bridgwater Without .. ..	7	1	2
Cannington .. ..	6	2	—
Chedzoy .. ..	2	5	3
Chilton Trinity .. ..	1	—	—
Cossington .. ..	2	—	—
Durleigh .. ..	4	—	—
Edington .. ..	2	1	—
Enmore .. ..	1	—	1
Goathurst .. ..	—	—	6
Greinton .. ..	8	2	—
Huntspill .. ..	16	3	4
North Petherton .. ..	4	3	—
Over Stowey .. ..	2	—	1
Pawlett .. ..	1	—	1
Puriton .. ..	4	—	—
Stawell .. ..	3	4	3
Totals ..	65	21	21

TOTAL—107.

## SUMMARY OF RESULTS.

(1) Unsatisfactory on both counts .. ..	21
(2) Unsatisfactory on one count .. ..	21
(3) Satisfactory .. ..	65
Total ..	107

Water samples taken during 1938 are as follows :—

<i>Parish</i>	<i>Satisfactory</i>	<i>Doubtful</i>	<i>Unsatisfactory</i>
Ashcott .. ..	1	1	8
Broomfield .. ..	5	4	2
Cannington .. ..	2	1	2
Charlinch .. ..	1	—	—
Chilton Polden .. ..	1	—	3
Chilton Trinity .. ..	1	3	1
Durleigh .. ..	—	1	3
Edington .. ..	2	1	—
Enmore .. ..	—	—	1
Fiddington .. ..	1	2	1
Goathurst .. ..	2	—	—
Nether Stowey .. ..	5	2	2
North Petherton .. ..	5	4	6
Otterhampton .. ..	—	4	4
Over Stowey .. ..	—	2	—
Shapwick .. ..	—	1	2
Spaxton .. ..	2	5	3
Thurloxtton .. ..	2	—	—
Wembdon .. ..	1	1	2
Woolavington .. ..	—	1	—
	31	33	40

TOTAL—104.

Where samples taken from premises on the line of the Council's mains were reported upon unsatisfactorily the owners were requested to connect up to such supply, and in all other cases of unsuitable supplies owners were called upon to carry out such improvements as would ensure a proper and approved supply being available. Samples taken last year of all the public, or large privately-owned, supplies, were reported upon as "satisfactory."

## INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

The typhoid fever epidemic during the months of January and February added considerably to the work of all the members of the Public Health Staff. The following is a brief record of the special duties carried out during the period mentioned :—

(1)	Number of rooms fumigated	..	..	..	..	16
(2)	Number of rooms sprayed	..	..	..	..	7
(3)	Instances where articles of bedding and personal clothing were sprayed	..	..	..	..	19
(4)	Number of W.C.'s sprayed	..	..	..	..	13
(5)	Number of addresses other than patients' homes visited to canvass for any information likely to be of any assistance in the following up of all possible clues as to infection					376
(6)	Re-visiting of all patients' homes to specially enquire as to food stuffs procured and used	..	..	..	..	21
(7)	Number of milk producers' addresses visited within the Parish of East and West Huntspill	..	..	..	..	102
(8)	Number of ditches treated with chloride of lime	..	..	..	..	14
(9)	Number of tins of disinfectant issued	..	..	..	..	98
(10)	Number of cwts. of chloride of lime used	..	..	..	..	12½

In addition to this work a large number of interviews took place with the Medical Officer of Health and special reports upon all the cases and contacts were frequently supplied to Dr. Thompson.

Other duties carried out in connection with reported cases of infectious disease during the year were as follows :—

Number of premises visited	..	..	..	..	..	26
Number of rooms disinfected	..	..	..	..	..	8
Number of rooms and bedding and wearing apparel sprayed						24

## FACTORY AND WORKSHOPS ACTS 1901-1907.

Number of Factories and Workshops on Registers	..	..	..	..	..	159
Number of Shop Premises	..	..	..	..	..	70

Number of Factories inspected :—

(i) With mechanical power	..	..	..	..	..	10
(ii) Without mechanical power	..	..	..	..	..	38

Procedure :—

Number of defects found	..	..	..	..	..	13
Number of written notices issued	..	..	..	..	..	12
Number of defects remedied	..	..	..	..	..	13

Two Notices were received from H.M. Factory Inspector during the year and appropriate action was taken in each case.

Three Homeworkers' premises were notified by H.M. Inspector of Factories.

Number of Outworkers' premises visited	..	..	..	..	..	3
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## RATS AND MICE (DESTRUCTION) ACT 1919.

This branch of Public Health work is now under the control of the Council's Engineer and Surveyor.

### SUMMARY OF INSPECTIONS FOR THE YEAR 1938.

Housing Inspections .. .. .	272
,, Re-Inspections .. .. .	816
Inspection of Meat and other Foods .. .. .	799
Cowshed and Dairy Inspections (including re-visits) .. .. .	505
Factory and Workshop Premises .. .. .	48
Visits in connection with Infectious Disease .. .. .	585
,, ,, ,, Nuisances and Complaints .. .. .	385
Miscellaneous Visits (Milk Sampling, Water Sampling, and various)	275
Total Calls ..	3685

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I desire to tender to the Chairman and Councillors, and to Dr. Thompson, my continued thanks for their appreciation of the work undertaken. I would also like to express my warmest thanks to my colleagues in the Public Health Department for the ready help they have always given.

Your obedient servant,

VINCENT C. G. CALLEN,

*Chief Sanitary Inspector.*

June, 1939.





